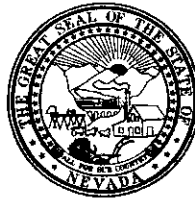


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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1... [As Chairman of the Nevada Legislature's Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste, I would like to express the Committee's appreciation to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for conducting 11 of the 20 public hearings on the Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in Nevada. The hearings provided a broad spectrum of Nevada residents and public officials the opportunity to express their positions and concerns about the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository program.

The Committee strongly urges the DOE to thoroughly review, analyze, and consider the public testimony and written comments made by Nevadans. The following items appear to be of particular concern to the residents of our state:

- 2 1. [Transportation of nuclear waste on Nevada highways and railways, shipping casks, and potential accidents that could occur during shipping and potential release of radioactive materials.]
- 3 2. [Potential seismic, volcanic, hydrologic, and other possible safety issues that could adversely impact a repository]
- 4 3. [Long-term release of radioactive materials, with special emphasis on possible contamination of ground water.]

1 cont. [A great deal of interest and concern has been expressed throughout the country over DOE's ability to safely transport the large number of shipments of nuclear waste that are identified in the DEIS. These concerns are valid and must be satisfactorily addressed. However, the Committee would emphasize that the transportation campaign, as important as it is, would only last for several decades. On the other hand, the citizens of Nevada will be forced to coexist with the proposed repository and its ability to contain radioactive materials for hundreds of centuries. Therefore, the Committee would officially request that the DOE pay special attention and consideration to the concerns expressed by Nevada officials and citizens and include them in the final Environmental Impact Statement on Yucca Mountain.]

Sincerely yours,

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen
 Chairman, Nevada Legislature's Committee
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